

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Hotchkiss, et al.	Art Unit: 2168
Application No.: 10/710,866	Examiner: Chyne Dune Ly
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REGULATORY RULES REPOSITORY GENERATION AND MAINTENANCE	

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Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim Under 35 U.S.C. § 120
for the Benefit of a Prior-Filed Application

The above-identified application was filed on August 9, 2004, and incorporated by reference prior-filed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/249,784, filed on May 7, 2003. Both applications included the common inventor Timothy T. Green, and were filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(b). A reference to the prior-filed copending application, as required under 35 U.S.C. § 120, was unintentionally omitted from the first sentence of the above-identified application.

1. Applicants hereby petition for a priority claim to the prior-filed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/249,784 in the above-identified copending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/710,866.
2. Applicants submit that the entire delay between the date that the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date that the claim was filed was unintentional.

3. The specification of the above identified U.S. Patent Application No. 10/710,866 has been amended to include a first sentence identifying the prior-filed U.S. Patent Application No. 10/249,784 by application number and file date.

4. A fee set forth under 37 CFR § 1.17(t) is included with this submittal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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